

AGREED MINUTES

of the Bulgarian Turkish meeting held on 08-11.08.2006 in Edirne
JSPF BG-TR BG 2003/005-632-02.01-02 "Floods in the Maritza river basin:
risk analysis and evaluation, mobilisation of information sources
for flood impact decrease

The meeting was held in the premises of the DSI regional directorate in Edirne and attended by the Bulgarian and Turkish experts, list of which is given in Annex 1. The meeting included discussions and agreements on the following:

1. Adoption of meeting agenda:

- 08.08.2006, arrival, lunch, discussions and work on the project work plan;
- 09.08.2006, visiting and surveying the Turkish part of Maritza river, relevant monitoring stations, places affected by floods, night in Ipsala;
- 10.08.2006, visiting the Greek part of Maritza river, hydrological conditions at Maritza delta, confluences of Erythrotamos (Byala) and Arda rivers, night in Edirne;
- 11.08.2006, concluding results of the meeting, departure to Bulgaria

2. Discussing the progress of the project work plan implementation:

- the status report of the Ministry of Regional Planning and Public Works made in May 2006 is detecting certain delay. That is because of the administrative difficulties related to the establishment of the project bank account.
- the BG team is reporting on the completion of the Tender Dossiers for the delivery of equipment and their submitting in the Ministry Phare PIU for approval. The expectations are that the main part of the work and the draft final report will be completed at the first week of November.
- BG team again informed the TR side about the location of installation of the hydrometric stations: river Maritza – village Parvomay; river Byala – village Mandritza, a photos and location on the map is provided.

2. Comparison of hydrometric measurements on 14.07.2006 at Tundja river was made:

- Tundja at Elhovo, water level measurement, discharge via rating curve;
- Tundja at Srem, direct discharge measurement;
- Tundja at Suakadja, BG – direct discharge measurement, TR - water level measurement, discharge via rating curve;
- quite bigger discharge measured at Srem is noted, no explanation of its decrease at Turkish territory because no irrigation was found.
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3. The technology for data exchange was discussed:

- BG proposes My SQL data bases replication for the servers to be delivered within the project to both teams. TR side will check if the DSI firewall might be configured to allow flow of information through the 3036 port;

- new BG stand alone computer programme is prepared to facilitate the transfer of data from the river Arda at Ivaylovgrad station to the server of the BG – Plovdiv team. Turkish side agreed to install it;

4. The GIS data harmonisation and preparation was discussed:

- TR side presented a good quality colour scanned maps to be used for the Turkish territory. TR reported that the main watershed boundaries are still not prepared, BG will make it approximately;
- TR will deliver information on the position of hydrologic and meteorologic monitoring stations and their observation programme;
- BG asked about the soil and land cover maps. The classification of soils and different soil characteristics was discussed.